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1. NIMETZ TRIP (STATE 221433). THERE IS SOME DAYLIGHT BETWEEN QUESTION OF DEFINITIVE APPROVAL AND QUESTION OF VISA APPLICATIONS, SINCE IN OUR EXPERIENCE THERE HAS NEVER BEEN PROBLEM OF GETTING AIRPORT VISAS FOR HIGH-LEVEL (OR INDEED LOWER-LEVEL) VISITORS, AND WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY FOR THIS VISIT. ONCE DEFINITIVE WORD IS RECEIVED, WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH MFA ON VISAS, TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY SURE, BUT IN MEANTIME PARTY SHOULD WORRY NEITHER ABOUT VISA APPLICATIONS IN WASHINGTON NOR ABOUT ENTRY AT BUCHAREST.

2. CSCE COMMISSION STAFF DEL TRIP (STATE 221433). WITH BOGDAN OUT ON LEAVE, I AM PRESSING FOR MEETING WITH DEPUTY OR ANYONE ELSE COMPETENT TO DISCUSS TRIP, OF WHICH MFA IS THUS AWARE. THEY HAVE JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEM, SINCE AFTER JULY RESHUFFLE IT IS NOT CLEAR WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY, AND I SUSPECT IT MUST BE AT LEAST PARTIALLY RESOLVED BEFORE WE CAN GET TO REAL JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEM OF WHO WILL HOST DEL AND WHAT VISIT WILL BE DESCRIBED AS. POSSIBILITIES RANGE FROM GUESTS OF EMBASSY TO GUESTS OF GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY EUROPEAN SECURITY COMMISSION TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE. WILL BE IN TOUCH ASAP.

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3. EXPORT LICENSES: COCOM DOCUMENT (STATE 221044). WE ASSUME THAT USG PROPOSAL TO COCOM IS A GOOD THING, BUT ASSUMPTION IS BASED ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE RATHER THAN TEXT OF CABLE. WE HAVE TWO QUESTIONS, THEREFORE: (1) WHAT ARE PRACTICAL POSSIBILITIES OF GETTING BY FRENCH, AS SEEN FROM WASHINGTON, AND (2) WHAT IS PRACTICAL MEANING, IN TERMS OF U.S./ROMANIAN TRADE, OF ADOPTION BY COCOM OF U.S. PROPOSAL? RE (1), IT IS

POSSIBLE THAT FRENCH 1968 POSITION IS NOW SHARED BY SOME OF
THEIR EC COLLEAGUES. IN THAT CASE, OUR WILLINGNESS MORE OR LESS
TO MEET JAPANESE POSITION OF 10 YEARS AGO MAY NOT BE TOO
APPEALING TO REMAINDER OF COCOM GROUP. RE (2), POUCHED
DOCUMENTATION MAY CLEAR THIS UP SOMEWHAT, BUT IT WOULD ALSO
BE APPRECIATED IF YOU COULD CONTACT JAY BURGESS, WHO HAS
LIST OF PENDING LICENSE CASES, AND ASK THAT HE DROP US A LINE
RELATING PROPOSED COCOM EXCEPTION PROCEDURE TO THAT LIST.
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